

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator car comprising a single, rigid toe guard member ~~(10)~~ slidably mounted to ~~the~~ a bottom of the car so as to be slidable upwards in the event that the toe guard member strikes the bottom of a hoist way pit.
2. (Currently Amended) An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 wherein the toe guard member ~~(10)~~ is slidably mounted to ~~the~~ a car door sill bracket ~~(2)~~.
3. (Currently Amended) An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ comprising ~~one or more~~ at least one strengthening brackets ~~(24)~~ that depends downwardly from ~~the~~ an underside of the car, ~~said~~ the toe guard member ~~(10)~~ being slidably mounted to ~~said~~ said the strengthening bracket(s).
4. (Currently Amended) An elevator as claimed in claim 3 wherein the strengthening bracket(s) ~~(10) is/are~~ is rigid and shorter than the toe guard member ~~(10)~~.
5. (Currently Amended) An elevator car as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 further comprising a safety switch ~~(30)~~ arranged to stop the elevator car in the event that the toe guard member ~~(10)~~ is pushed to the uppermost end of its travel.

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